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Copy of my Annual Report 1917.

To The Chairman & Members of the Stanhope Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

The following is my annual report for the year ending December 31st 1917.

A NATURAL & SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE DISTRICT.

The Urban District of Stanhope is situated about 700 feet above the sea level. The average rainfall is 36 inches. The area of the district is 234 acres. The population at the last census was 2010 for 450 inhabited houses, which gives an average per house of 4.46.

B SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

(1) Water Supply. The source of supply is from several moorland springs which are collected in a reservoir containing one day's supply only. 20 informal notices were served by your Inspector to abate nuisances arising through defective service supply.

(2) Rivers & Streams. No pollution takes place except from the spar washing at Stanhope Burn mine.

(3) Drainage & Sewerage. The whole of the drainage is conveyed by a trunk line to the sewage disposal works and thence to an irrigation area composed of a gravel bed.

(4) Closet Accommodation. 1 ash pit privy was done away with during the year and a W. C. substituted. There are now 151 W. Cs., 126 ash closets and 10 ash pit privies in the district.

(5) Scavenging. This is done by the Council, the refuse is carted to several farms in the district and used for agricultural purposes.

(6) Sanitary Inspection of the District. This is regularly done by your Inspector (Mr Ayton). 6 notices were served under the Public Health Acts to abate nuisances arising through blocked drains &c. 1 new W. C. was constructed. In compliance with the provisions Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 39 houses have been inspected and their condition reported to the Council.

(7) Schools. The sanitary condition and water supply of the two Elementary Schools are satisfactory. The children have been free from Infectious Disease.

(8) Food

(a) Milk Supply. is good and is obtained from small farmers in the district, but owing to the shortage of cattle foods is not so rich in fats. There are 14 cowsheds in the District all in fairly good order. There have been no prosecutions under the Food & Drugs Act.

(b) Other Foods. There are 2 slaughter houses in the district both in good order.

(9) Housing. No houses have been considered unfit for







human habitation and no closing orders were made. No new houses were erected.

C SANITARY ADMINISTRATION OF THE DISTRICT

(1) Staff Consists of your Inspector and 2 workmen

(2) The Weardale Joint Hospital provides accommodation for infectious cases. 12 cases from the Urban District received treatment during the year.

D PREVALENCE OF & CONTROL OVER ACUTE INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Diphtheria. Only 2 cases were notified during the year. These were both sent to the Hospital.

Scarlet Fever. 11 cases were notified during the year. 10 of these were treated in hospital.

Measles. 12 cases were notified during the year.

Enteric Fever. 1 case occurred during the year and received home treatment.

The houses in which infectious cases occurred were thoroughly disinfected by your Inspector and contacts were kept from school for a sufficient period.

E PREVALENCE OF & CONTROL OVER TUBERCULOSIS

Under the Public Health (Tuberculosis) Regulations 1912 4 cases of Phthisis were notified during the year and 1 case of abdominal Tuberculosis

H VITAL STATISTICS OF THE DISTRICT

In presenting the Vital Statistics I would ask you to note that the Death Rate is calculated on an estimated civilian population of 1823. Whereas the Birth Rate is calculated on an estimated total population of 2032. This method was adopted in accordance with instructions received from the Registrar General.

<u>Birth Rate</u>	<u>Death Rate</u>	<u>Zymotic Rate</u>	<u>Infantile Mor-</u> <u>tality Rate</u>	<u>Phthisis Rate</u>
20.17	15.37	Nil	142.8	1.64
Acute Respiratory Disease Rate.				
1.09				

During 1917 41 ~~deaths~~ <sup>Griffiths deaths</sup> were registered in the District 21 males and 20 females. Of this number 17 were outward transfers. Of these 3 died in the Durham County Sanatorium, 10 in the Weardale Union Workhouse, 1 died with relations in the Urban District, 2 others were soldiers and 1 a prisoner of War. There were 4 inward transfers. This leaves a net total of 28 for the Urban District which with an estimated population of 1823 gives a death rate of 15.37 per 1000.

41 ~~Deaths~~ <sup>Griffiths</sup> were registered in the District. 25 males and 16 Females. This gives a Birth rate of 20.17 per 1000.

Infantile Mortality. 4 deaths under 1 year were registered giving a percentage of 14.28 or 142.8 per 1000 of the total deaths.

Phthisis Pulmonalis. Caused 3 deaths a rate of 1.64 per 1000 of the population.

Other Respiratory Diseases. caused 2 deaths a rate of 1.09 per 1000.

I am Gentlemen,  
Your Obedient Servant,  
R. White.  
Deputy M. O. H.

12th April 1918.



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